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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Regional and New York prices are steady on all sizes. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. Demand is light to moderate while retail demand in the Northeast is mostly moderate to heavy. Supplies are at a full range. Market activity is slow to moderate however moderate to active in the Midwest and South Central region. Breaking stock offerings are moderate to at times heavy for the mostly moderate to good demand. Light type hen offerings are generally moderate for the moderate to good demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Producer prices were 4 cents lower on large and unchanged on the rest. Other midwest prices are steady with a weak undertone noted. Retail demand is light, while food service demand is light to moderate at best. Offerings and supplies are mostly heavy. Market activity is slow for most. Breaking stock prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy on moderate demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95-104	98-101
LARGE	94-103	96-99
MEDIUM	77-86	79-82

Prices delivered to store door:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	102-110	103-105
LARGE	100-108	101-103
MEDIUM	83-91	84-86

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN EGGS

Prices paid to producers, cents per dozen:	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	66-76	70
MEDIUM	58-62	60
SMALL	51-57	

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV, Western NY, and Western PA

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices are steady with a weak undertone. Next week's asking prices are 10 cents lower for extra large, 12 cents lower for large, and 1 cent lower for medium. Retail and food service demand are light to moderate. Offerings and supplies are heavy. Market activity remains slow. Central states breaking stock prices are steady. Offerings are moderate to heavy for the moderate to fairly good demand. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	105.5-114	107-110
LARGE	104.5-113	106-109
MEDIUM	84.5-93	86-89

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week's deliveries are trending lower. Retail and distributive demand is light to moderate. Current supplies are moderate to heavy for trading purposes. Market activity is slow. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate for the light to moderate demand. Spent hen offerings are fully adequate; processing schedules are full-time.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	106.5-114.25	108-111
LARGE	105-112.25	106-109
MEDIUM	81.5-90.25	82-86

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, Eastern TN, and Southern VA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices are steady. Supplies are mostly moderate to heavy. Retail demand is moderate to instances good. Food service demand is light to moderate. Market activity continues slow to moderate. Eastern region breaking stock offerings are moderate; demand is mostly moderate. Light type hen offerings are at least sufficient for the mostly moderate demand.

Prices delivered to warehouse:	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	104-119	108-112
LARGE	101-115	106-110
MEDIUM	81-94	85-88

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

NEW YORK EGGS Prices are steady. Offerings are moderate. Demand continues light to moderate. Market activity is slow to mostly moderate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	103-107	-
LARGE	101-105	-
MEDIUM	91-95	-

WESTERN REGIONAL Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents lower for jumbo, 10 cents lower for extra large, 11 cents lower for large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is about steady. Demand is light to moderate and better into food service accounts. Offerings are light for jumbo and medium and moderate to heavy on the balance of sizes. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow.

CALIFORNIA Prices are steady. Asking prices for next week are 6 cents lower for jumbo, 10 cents lower for extra large, 11 cents lower for large and 1 cent lower for medium and small. Trade sentiment is about steady. Offerings are light for jumbo and medium and moderate to heavy on the balance of sizes. Demand is light to moderate and best into food service channels. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is slow to moderate. Small benchmark price \$1.04.

CALIFORNIA

Shell egg marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	141
EXTRA LARGE	148
LARGE	142
MEDIUM	124

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	123-133
EXTRA LARGE	130-138
LARGE	122-131
MEDIUM	104-114

BREAKING STOCK

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net wt. per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

CENTRAL REGION Prices are steady. Trade sentiment is steady. Demand is moderate to fairly good with offerings moderate to heavy. Supplies are light to moderate. Market activity is moderate to active.

EASTERN REGION Prices are steady. Offerings are moderate. Demand is mostly moderate. Market activity is generally moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 30-April-2011 were 2 percent less than the previous week and 13 percent lower than the same week a year ago.

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	59-61	
Checks & Undergrades	40-47	40-44
Central States Area: AR, CO, IA, IL, IN, KS, LA, MI, MN, MO, NM, ND, NE, OH, OK, SD, TX, & WI		

	Range	Mostly
Breaking Stock	55-62	57-60
Checks & Undergrades	38-47	40-44
Eastern States Area: AL, CT, DE, FL, GA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MS, NH, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, SC, TN, VT, VA, & WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 30-Apr-2011	(lbs. in Thousands)		(Excludes Ingredients)			
Total	Cases	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Dried	Inedible
Production	Broken	Whole	White	Yolk		
CW	1,339,829	31,553	13,608	7,135	2,981	4,540
PW	1,278,497	31,114	12,558	6,363	2,480	4,192
LY	1,393,907	33,701	13,771	7,026	3,543	4,556
% PW	5%	1%	8%	12%	20%	8%
% LY	-4%	-6%	-1%	2%	-16%	0%
2011	22,224,886	528,321	226,935	115,522	48,126	75,007
2010	21,420,960	521,850	210,542	104,703	42,593	73,414
% YTD	4%	1%	8%	10%	13%	2%

	Current Week	Previous Week	Last Year
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible included)	42.42	42.41	42.36
Average Yield Per Case - (inedible excluded)	39.03	39.14	39.10

In Line Production (of total production; lbs. in thousands; may include a limited amount of off-line source material.)

	Cases Broken		Liquid Whole	
	Cases	% of Total	lbs.	% of Total
Current Week	735,925	54.9%	19,203	60.9%
Previous Week	735,455	57.5%	19,170	61.6%
Last Year	762,482	54.7%	19,649	58.3%

NATIONAL LIQUID Whole egg prices are steady to lower with white prices steady to higher and yolk too few to report. Trade sentiment is steady for all liquid products. Demand is fairly good to good for all liquid products. Spot offerings are light to moderate for all products as most business relates to contractual concerns. Market activity is moderate to active. All whites reported are non-certified.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00 AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	14	47-49	47.68	-.20
Whites	21	48-52	50.10	.60
Yolks		TFEWR		

NATIONAL DRIED Mostly prices are higher on blends, mixed on albumen and steady on whole and yolks. Demand is light to moderate. Trading is limited and often completed from existing contracts. Offerings are light to moderate. Market activity is slow. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 30-Apr-2011 are 20% higher than last week, although 16% lower than the same week last year. The total year to date production of dried eggs produced is 13% higher than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, Trucklot and LTL volumes.

Whole	2.45-2.80	Mostly	2.70-2.80
Yolks	1.80-2.10	Mostly	1.90-2.00
Albumen, Spray, Dried	4.25-4.75	Mostly	4.35-4.55
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	2.05-2.15		

NATIONAL FROZEN Frozen whole egg prices are steady to lower with sugared yolk steady to higher and the balance of products steady. Trade sentiment is steady for all frozen products. Demand is light to moderate and centers on contractual arrangements. Offerings are light to moderate. Freezer stocks are light. Market activity is slow.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb., in 30 lb. containers) Sugared and salted yolks are minimum 43% solids.

	Trucklots		LTL (Min. 25 Cont.)	
	Range	Mostly	Range	Mostly
Whole	69-75	70-72	70-81	75
Whites	67-71	68-70	67-78	71-73
Sugared Yolks	88-92	90-92	88-98	92-94
Salted Yolks	85-89	85-89	85-95	88-90

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR APR 29, 2011 – MAY 05, 2011

CURRENT LOADS 105.75								FUTURE LOADS 28.50				TOTAL LOADS 134.25					
CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W 1	76.00	--	74.20	77.25	--	--	8.00	GL W J	83.45	--	--	95.75	86.00	91.56	17.00		
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	--	70.50	78.00	1.00	GL W XL	76.92	86.67	80.75	--	--	90.14	18.50		
GL W J	--	--	89.00	91.00	73.91	78.00	12.75	GL W LG	73.00	83.58	--	84.00	--	84.05	17.00		
GL W XL	--	90.00	85.50	86.25	75.71	--	30.75	GL W MD	61.50	75.00	--	--	--	69.71	7.50		
GL W LG	--	92.00	85.67	84.63	69.33	71.36	29.50	GL W SM	52.00	55.00	--	--	--	--	1.00		
GL W MD	--	--	60.22	65.00	74.00	--	8.00	GL BR J	--	--	--	--	--	92.00	.50		
GL W SM	58.00	--	57.50	60.50	--	--	4.00	GL BR XL	64.00	--	--	--	--	78.00	.75		
GL BR J	--	--	--	--	76.00	--	.50	GL BR LG	64.00	--	--	--	--	78.00	1.75		
GL BR XL	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	.25										
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	62.00	--	.75										
GL BR MD	--	--	54.00	58.00	--	--	1.00										
NRBS - 50	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00										
NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	60.17	59.80	22.00										
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	42.50	46.00	1.00										
NRBS - 36	--	--	--	--	38.50	42.00	1.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIVE LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES,
WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN Prices continue to trend steady. Demand is moderate for the fully sufficient offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules are normal. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	2-11	3-7

SOUTH CENTRAL Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was slow for fully adequate offerings of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL Prices are unchanged. Offerings are moderate for the moderate to good demand. Schedules are full time. Market activity is moderate.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-10.5	0-5

SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	110.00	108.00	86.50
SOUTHEAST	109.50	107.50	84.00
MIDWEST	99.50	97.50	80.50
SOUTH CENTRAL	108.50	107.50	87.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	106.90	105.19	84.74

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET

Sales are noted as too few to report prices. Offerings are at least sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Trading was limited due to the bulk of supplies being used internally. Processing schedules are mostly normal. Market activity is slow to moderate.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

WEEKLY U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week ending 30-Apr-11 (PRELIMINARY)

Thousands	U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,576	1,504	3,080
Last Week	1,519	1,387	2,906
Same week yr ago	1,403	1,410	2,813
To-date/2011*	24,559	24,991	49,550
To-date/2010*	24,958	22,591	47,549

Thousands	U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	312	20	332
Last Week	411	12	423
Same week yr ago	470	11	481
To-date/2011*	6,586	153	6,739
To-date/2010*	5,875	126	6,001

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

Thousands	Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada		
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens
Head	1,888	1,524	3,412
Last Week	1,930	1,399	3,329
Same week yr ago	1,873	1,421	3,294
To-date/2011*	31,145	25,144	56,289
To-date/2010*	30,833	22,717	53,550

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

**INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-
U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE****U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 23, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	48	48	386	1,647
Frozen	0	0	0	0
Dried	0	0	0	156
Total	48	48	386	1,803

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending Apr 23, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
Type	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Liquid	236	518	5,531	6,530
Frozen	3	4	252	129
Dried	0	0	0	0
Total	239	522	5,783	6,659

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending Apr 23, 2011		Year-To-Date*		
	2011	2010 /1	2011 /2	2010
Jumbo	0	0	0	0
Extra Large	3,720	2,460	24,109	12,810
Large	7,350	2,000	43,290	33,220
Medium	1,200	870	8,725	11,820
Ungraded	4,920	3,168	29,178	69,642
Misc	0	0	0	0
Total	17,190	8,498	105,302	127,492

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

/2 Includes revisions to previous week(s)

*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS – Selected Centers

(Inc. Gov't Stocks) (in thousands)

	Frozen Eggs lbs.	Proc. Turkeys lbs.	Proc. other Poultry lbs.
AM 05/02/11	3,426	127,285	54,517
AM 04/01/11	3,696	112,608	54,581
CHG	-270	14677	-64
PCT CHG	-7%	13%	0%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of March 31, 2011 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on May 1, 2011 are:

Frozen Eggs	25	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Turkeys	374	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
Processed Other Poultry	695	MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT W/E 30-Apr-2011
(Receipts from Producers)

REGIONS	Cases (in thousands)	% Change From	
		LW	LY
North Atlantic	210.1	0	13
East North Central	664.7	-6	2
West North Central	271.1	-4	-15
South Atlantic	133.4	-11	-4
South Central	52.3	-13	-8
West	49.3	-16	4
Total	1380.9	-6	-1

Matched plants reporting 71 71

Areas Covered:

North Atlantic (ME, VT, MA, RI, CT, NH, NY, PA, NJ, MD, DE)

East North Central (WI, IL, MI, OH, IN)

West North Central (IA, MN, MO, KS, SD)

South Atlantic (SC, NC, VA, GA, FL, KY)

South Central (TN, AL, AR, MS, OK) West (CA, CO, WA, OR, UT)

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 30-Apr-2011

Selected Consuming Centers	CW (Cases, in thousands)	% Change	
		LW	LY
Atlanta	15.2	22.3	-32 -11
Boston	2.8	2.8	0 -7
Chicago	63.1	65.3	-3 0
Los Angeles	58.7	60.1	-2 -1
New Orleans	6.0	5.6	7 3
New York	29.7	34.8	-15 -11
St. Louis	86.2	95.8	-10 3
San Francisco	14.4	31.8	-55 -35
Total	276.1	318.5	-13 -4
4 Week Moving Avg.	301.2		

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT May 03, 2011

Prices paid/doz. Grade A Brown eggs in cartons delivered store door.

	Ex Large	Large	Med	Small
Maine	160	150	127	94
Mostly	-	-	-	-
New Hampshire	153-157	143-147	120-124	87-91
Mostly	155-156	145-146	122-123	89-90
Rhode Island	159-163	149-153	126-130	93-97
Mostly	159	149	126	93
Vermont	160	150	127	-
Mostly	-	-	-	-